(c) the reasons therefor and whether any proposal to increase this length further as per requirements of the State is under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 652 km of National Highway in Madhya Pradesh is included in North South and East West (NS-EW) corridor. This length is as per the length of the corridor crossing Madhya Pradesh. There is no proposal to increase this length.

(d) Does not arise.

Mumbai port container terminal

1939. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mumbai Port's plan to set up a container terminal is under Government's scrutiny;

(b) whether the port has been asked to provide details of container traffic revenue and expenses to ascertain the viability of the project;

(c) whether Rs.1,228 crore container terminal project is proposed to be developed by a consortium led by Gammon India through the build-operate-transfer basis; and

(d) whether Government has justified the project in view of the increasing container trade in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The Government has approved the proposal of the Mumbai Port Trust to award the contract to set up an Offshore Container Terminal on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis at the Port to a Consortium led by Gammon India Ltd. who has offered highest share of gross revenue of 35.064% from the planned facility to the Mumbai Port Trust, on the basis of open competitive bidding. Pre-investment studies on the project have established the viability of the project.

Pedestrian over-bridge on NH-5

1940. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from the Road Safety Forum objecting to non-use of pedestrian over-bridge at Chilakoluripeto on NH-5 as the reason to avoid building any other pedestrian over-bridges in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the objections that were raised by the Road Safety Forum against Government's decision to penalise Andhra Pradesh by not increasing road safety;